

ALLIED WAR BOARD TO DIRECT MOVES

American Participation in Paris Conference Will Alter Method of Control

HOUSE REACHES LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 8. Colonel E. M. House, heading the American mission to the Allied War Council in Paris on November 15, arrived in London today.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. American participation in the Paris inter-Allied conference, beginning November 14, means a complete change in the method of war direction, officials here were convinced today, following the announcement of the arrival of the American mission at the British port. The members of the mission are Colonel E. M. House, the President's confidential advisor; Admiral W. S. Benson, chief of naval operations; General Oscar H. Bliss, chief of staff; U. S. A. Taylor, T. Crosby, assistant secretary of the war trade board; Bainbridge Colby, chief of the war trade board; Dr. Alonzo United States shipping board; Dr. Alonzo Nelson Perkins, representing the American board; and Gordon Auchincloss, secretary of the mission.

FOR CENTRAL WAR BOARD

That a central war board to sit in France, that of the Allied war zone, will spring from the conference is confidently believed.

Besides future war moves on the western front the conference also will consider the situation in Italy, Russia and Greece and will receive from the American delegates full information regarding this country's resources. Some statement of Allied war aims may be formulated to combat the German peace movement.

President Wilson favors immediate and greater centralization of the war administration. Confused interests arising from lack of proper co-ordination have added months to the war.

America's hands-off policy with regard to European politics and selfish demands of the various Allies have added to unfortunate conditions a delay in the war.

U. S. A. The aid of the United States will be sought particularly by Italy and Russia. Plans for a counter-offensive to drive the Germans from Italian soil will be laid. American aid in this direction will again bring to the fore the anomaly of Austria

and the United States, with no declaration of war, fighting each other. The Russian situation will be thoroughly probed at the conference. Allied aid in money and supplies, reconstruction of Russia's transport and plans for a resumption of the Slavic military activity at the earliest possible date will be discussed.

PLENTY OF TURKEYS HERE FOR THANKSGIVING

Dealers Here Confirm Announcement Regarding Abundance of Cold-Storage Birds

Poultry dealers in this city this afternoon confirmed the announcement of the United States Food Administration, that plentiful supplies of turkeys were available for the Thanksgiving market.

The Food Administration states that large supplies of turkeys are now in cold storage throughout the country.

The law in Pennsylvania permits turkeys to be placed in cold storage not longer than nine months. Most of the turkeys placed in cold storage in Pennsylvania were stored away last February.

Dressed turkeys from Virginia, Illinois, Missouri and Indiana will sell this year for thirty-five to forty-two cents a pound, according to George Platt, a poultry dealer in the Reading Terminal Market.

"Cold storage turkeys ought to sell this year for about thirty-four cents a pound," said Mr. Platt.

The food administration, according to advice received here today from Washington, will require that turkey be rapidly placed on sale under provisions of the food-control act.

NAMED TO DRAFT BOARD

Governor Fills Two Vacancies at Norristown

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Nov. 8.—Simon Pagel and Benjamin Quillman have been appointed by Governor Brumbaugh members of the Norristown Draft Board, to succeed the Rev. J. Elmer Saul and Prof. Allen S. Martin, resigned.

Saul, who was chairman of the board, is the retiring Burgess of Norristown. Martin, superintendent of the Norristown public schools, was secretary. He resigned on account of ill health. Quillman is a bank director and Pagel is a merchant and former borough treasurer.

Red Cross Aids Children

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The Red Cross War Council has made an appropriation of \$210,000 for one year's care of Belgian children moved into France and Switzerland to get them out of the range of the battle lines. The Belgian Government is co-operating in the work.

SURVIVOR OF FINLAND TELLS THRILLING TALE

In Paris Interview Warmly Lauds Heroism of Stricker, Vessel's Engineer

PARIS, Nov. 8. Positive word that the transport Finland was torpedoed by a submarine was brought here today by Elmer Bloom, of Peoria, Ill., a survivor, who escaped after nearly an hour's immersion in the icy waters.

"I saw a periscope for just a flash within 200 yards of the Finland," he said today. Bloom, an American field ambulance worker, returning to the United States with fifteen cowboys, after having failed in an examination for admission to the army, told a thrilling story of the attack on the American transport, and declared only the heroism of that vessel's engineer saved her from a total loss.

"The Finland was struck at 9:25 a. m. Sunday, October 28," Bloom said. "There was a heavy sea running at the time. I was sitting on the lounge in the saloon reading when suddenly I felt a shock that shook the vessel from stem to stern. The companionway up which I immediately rushed was filled with smoke."

"All our passengers—many of whom were in their staterooms—hurried to the decks, donning lifebelts. We all knew that the boat was doomed. The ship had received a tremendous blow.

"Orders were given from the bridge to abandon the ship. The boat's crew rushed to their places and we got into the lifeboats. I began lowering myself over the side toward one boat in which there were about fifty foreign members of the crew. They were nervous and panicky, being inclined to fight for places. Half way down to the water from the davits the boat tilted. It had been improperly swung away, probably owing to the panic among the foreigners.

"We were all spilled into the cold water. I dropped far below the surface from the fall, but regained my senses enough to swim just as fast as I was able, under water, and away from the lifeboat. When I came up I was close to the side of the Finland again. I kept afloat by grabbing her plates occasionally, although the heavy waves kept washing me away. I swam about for some time on the crest of these merged boat in which there were some American soldiers and three of the crew.

"It was while we were trying to launch the first lifeboat from which we were spilled into the sea, that I caught a momentary glimpse of the submarine which must have fired the torpedo. It was about 200 yards distant from the Finland. Her commander evidently poked his periscope above the water to see whether his shot had found its mark. The periscope disappeared at once.

"We clung to our half-submerged boat for some time, and it seemed like hours later when we were picked up, all safe and sound, but chilled through.

"While I was clinging to this lifeboat we all noticed that the Finland remained on an even keel, rolling with the waves. We kept wondering how long it would be before she finally keeled over and sank. We could see a great gaping hole in her side—at least 35 feet long and 15 feet high. But she kept afloat and presently we could make out that a number of lifeboats returned, the survivors reboarding. We finally got back ourselves.

PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE SUFFRAGISTS TOMORROW

Will Be Asked to Include Federal Amendment in Congressional Message

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. President Wilson tomorrow will receive at the White House a delegation of women suffragists headed by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president, of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The delegation will ask the President to include the Federal suffrage amendment in the legislative program that is to be outlined in his message to the next session of Congress. Secretary Forester announced at the White House today that the delegation would be received at 4:30 Friday afternoon.

W. H. KENDAL, ENGLISH ACTOR, DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 8.—William H. Kendal, the actor, died today.

William H. Kendal, the dean of the English stage, was born in London, December 16, 1842. The name Kendal was assumed early in his stage career, the name of his father, an artist, being Grimston. His first appearance upon the stage was April 6, 1861.

During his career at the Haymarket he married, in 1869, the equally noted Madge Robertson, who in 1865 had made her debut as Ophelia. In the long stage partnership that followed Mrs. Kendal came to be regarded by many as the superior artist, but each delighted in paying tributes to the other. Mrs. Kendal is still alive, with a multiplicity of interesting roles, as evidenced only a few months ago, when she addressed a letter to the Prince of Wales on behalf of her war work.

From 1879 to 1888 the Kendals leased, with Sir John Hare, that other veteran of the footlights, who still survives, the St. James Theatre, producing there "The Queen's Shilling," "The Squire," "Impulse," "The Ironmaster," "A Scrap of Paper," "Lady of Lyons," "As You Like It," "Ladies' Battle" and many other plays.

Bispham Died on Second Flight

LONDON, Nov. 8.—An inquest on the death of Lieutenant David Bispham showed he was making his second flight alone when he was killed.

U. S. READY TO REBUILD HUMAN WAR WRECKAGE

Surgeon General Gorgas Completes Plans for Treatment of Men Wounded in Battle

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. With American wounded actually being carried back from the fighting front, Surgeon General Gorgas' office today declared itself equipped and ready to rebuild our human battle wreckage into able-bodied men.

The string of reclamation hospitals extends from the French lines to the shores of this country. Every device and resource known to science is at hand.

Perishing's first five wounded and thousands of others will be carried back to life and usefulness from the closing door of death. The surgeon general's staff believes the value of this service to America cannot be mathematically estimated. Thousands of men who would be wrecked will be sent back whole and hale to the fighting; others

ACCIDENT PROVES FATAL

Luke Meekins, father of Richard Meekins, the eight-year-old boy who was killed by kidnapers more than a year ago, died early today at the University Hospital.

Meekins' death was due to an accident on a street on night when he was struck by a trolley car at Forty-ninth street and Woodland avenue. His right foot was cut off and he suffered numerous other injuries. Meekins lived at 2436 South Millik street.

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